



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1870.

Dispatches from Washington published this morning, say that the Senate will to day pass the bill for the unconditional admission of Virginia, and that her Senators and Representatives will be in their seats during the week. President Grant is stated to have expressed his gratification at the action of the House of Representatives.

It is stated that the report that Gen. Canby had closed the Courts in Virginia, is untrue. It appears that Gen. Canby, at the request of both parties, has caused to be suspended a number of suits pending in Virginia; but all judicial tribunals are still in existence in the State. The course pursued by Gen. Canby in this particular is approved by Gen. Sherman.

On Friday, the Minnesota Legislature ratified the Fifteenth Amendment, and on Saturday similar action was taken in the Mississippi Legislature. Twenty-five States have now given their assent. Ohio will probably shortly be the twenty-sixth, and but two more are needed, while there are four whose affirmative action is quite certain.

Judge Black, it is said, is preparing for publication a history of some of the leading events of Mr. Buchanan's administration pending the controversy of reinforcing Fort Sumter, in which he will show the position occupied both by himself and the late Secretary Stanton. It will be exceedingly interesting, and will throw additional light upon the action of some of the gentlemen who held Cabinet positions in Mr. Buchanan's administration.

Advices from Hayti have been received to the 25th of December, which state that the revolutionists demanded the surrender of the refugees who had taken shelter in the American consulate, but were compelled to withdraw their demand and apologize by the British and French man of war, summoned to his assistance by our consul. Salvage was captured on a schooner endeavoring to escape to Cuba, by a revolutionist war steamer. He was taken to Port au Prince and imprisoned.

Gov. A. Moore, of Mississippi, has written a letter to Gen. Ames, declining the provisional governorship coming from military power, and depending for its support upon the military. He says "the fitness of things seems to forbid my acceptance of it, while I hold in immediate prospect the position of civil governor by that sanction most acceptable to my instincts as an American citizen—that of popular choice."

An important decision was rendered last week in one of the Pennsylvania courts in Philadelphia, regarding the income tax and the powers of the assessors. The points of the counsel for the defendant, who was prosecuted for refusing to deliver his books to the assessor of his district, were decided to be well taken, and the defendant sustained in his refusal.

The Washington Chronicle while advocating the adoption of Mr. Bingham's bill for the admission of Virginia, says: "We do not anticipate that Virginia will break faith with us; but if she should, then let her beware! Congress is not and should not be in a mood to be trifled with!" This is "pleasant reading"; isn't it?

The Richmond "Enquirer" advises that, if Virginia gets into the Union there be no fuss about it! Let us, however, give, always, proper thanks to those of the Executive or Legislative departments, who have assisted in releasing us from a military government—when that happens.

Among the signers to the memorial "from Virginia," recently read in the Senate, by Mr. Sumner, and so much denounced by Mr. Trumbull, Mr. Farnsworth, and others, were J. P. Baldwin, James Doughty, and G. C. Rounds of Prince William county.

The Northern papers are beginning to open their batteries upon the price of beef by retail—and call for a reduction corresponding to the decline in the price of beef cattle, or to the rate paid for cattle on the hoof.

Mr. Elisha H. Allen was introduced on Saturday to the President by the Secretary of State, and delivered his credentials as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the kingdom of Hawaii.

Returns show that, spite of the insurrection, the amount of sugar in stock at Havana, December 31, 1869, was quite as large as at the end of the year 1868.

The total production of coal in the Cumberland region during the year 1869, was 1,182,669 tons, showing an increase of 552,226 tons over 1868.

A severe rain and wind storm visited Louisville, Wednesday. All the streams are rising rapidly, and threaten destruction to property.

Judge Underwood, it is said, will commence the session of a District Court at Wytheville this week.

The Savannah (Georgia) papers report the catching of the first shad of the season.

A number of Congressmen favor an adjournment as early as the first of May.

Bandmann, the tragedian, has created a sensation at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne. In one of his representations of Othello he stabbed Mrs. Steele, who fell to the ground uttering piercing shrieks, which for a moment were mistaken by the audience for part of the business of the scene; but it was immediately obvious that her cries were the expression of terrible pain. The curtains were immediately lowered amid great excitement.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the Times."

It is found that the resolution offered a few days ago in the House by Mr. Negley, of Pennsylvania, requiring inquiry to be made upon the allegation that Mr. Clapp, Superintendent of Public Printing, had been recklessly expending public funds, emanated from the parties who were aggrieved at the action of Mr. Clapp in giving position to the two colored printers now employed in the Public Printing Establishment. It does not appear that there is the slightest foundation for the imputation.

The liability of Brokers to pay a tax on all sales transacted by them, whether on their own behalf or in the interest of others, has been affirmed by District Attorney Pierpoint and sustained by Com. Delano. The New York brokers are compromising the suits and settling up or paying the penalty of the law. This decision will add nearly ten millions of dollars a year to our revenues, if properly enforced.

The Secretary of the Navy has requested Admiral Farragut, to take command of the naval operations and to take charge of the ceremonies about which are to be tendered the remains of the late Mr. Peabody on their appearance in the vicinity of Portland harbor on board the British man-of-war Monarch. Admiral Farragut will be assisted by a staff of officers.

The special Committee of the House of Representatives are now in session at Washington making an examination into the gold panic of last September. To day they are to have Fisk and Gould before them, and expect to get an inside view of the affair.

Dr. George C. M. Roberts died in Brooklyn on Saturday and Andrew E. Warner, Sr., and Daniel Warfield, Jr., yesterday. All were well known and respected citizens of Baltimore, and their deaths will be regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Gen. Reynolds, commanding in Texas, telegraphs to Gen. Sherman that the result of the recent election in that State has been officially announced by him, and that he has installed Gen. Davis as Provisional Governor, and will soon call the Legislature together.

Mr. James Lenox, of Fifth avenue, New York, proposes to bestow a splendid gift upon that city in the form of a public library, and a bill has been introduced into the State Legislature to enable him to execute his design.

Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, having recently voted that Henry Ward Beecher's present annual salary of \$12,500 be increased to \$20,000, he yesterday declined from the pulpit the addition which was offered him.

The Western Maryland Railroad Company being unable to pay the January interest on its bonds endorsed by Washington county, the Commissioner of that county will commence its payment to day.

Can anything in the statistics of lawlessness be more amazing than that, in the last ten years, almost as many persons have been arrested in New York, as there were inhabitants of the city at the last census?

The United States steamer Nipsic, the pioneer of the Darien Canal survey expedition, will sail from New York to-day, and the remainder of the fleet will soon follow.

Rev. Mr. Tullis, principal of the female high school at Bristol, Tenn., has introduced sewing machines into the institution as part of the course of study.

Forty thousand dollars' worth of French mirror plates have been ordered by the Leland Brothers, for their new Union Hotel, at Saratoga.

SCENE IN COURT.—There was quite a novel and affecting scene in Judge Underwood's Court room this morning. Colonel McDougal, counsel of Lindsey, of Raven's Nest fame, submitted a motion for a new trial, because at the original hearing the Judge had not so instructed the jury as to compel them to give the prisoner the benefit of all doubts as to his sanity, and because of new evidence bearing upon the case, just discovered. Judge Underwood in giving his decision took occasion to review the case at length. Lindsey, who sat immediately in front of him, seemed frightened to death. His nerves were strung to the highest pitch, and as Underwood would not stand, and, summing up the various points of the case, he would follow him close with his burning, glaring eyes. At one moment his face would be lit up with hope, at another blank with despair—at last Underwood concluded and while maintaining that his instructions were correct, leaning to the side of mercy he said he would grant a new trial. At these words, Lindsey gave way to tears, he bowed his head low and wept loud and freely; then gathering himself up, with great tears streaming down his cheeks, he went up to the Bench, ascended the steps and extending his hand poured down blessings under blessing upon the Judge's head. Lindsey was certainly an affecting scene and there were few in the crowded court room that did not feel it to be so. Underwood looked queerish and would have repelled Lindsey—but it was not easy to do so, so he had to stand and take it, which he did not ungraciously, certainly ungraciously. —Rich. cor. of Petersburg Index.

THROUGH TO WASHINGTON BY RAIL.—The trains on the Chesapeake and Ohio, and O. & A. R. R. are now running in connection with the Richmond and Petersburg railroad, twice daily to Washington city. Through tickets are sold at the Appomattox Depot, and baggage checked. Having recently travelled to the Metropolis by this line we can speak knowledge of the comfort and expedition which it affords the public. Save the transfer from the cars at Richmond, there is no change until the city of Washington is reached. There are elegant sleeping cars in which the weary traveller can find repose and at the end of his night's rest, he finds himself at the termination of his journey. From the great inducements offered, this line must become popular with persons going North, as it connects with all trains leaving Washington. —Petersburg Index.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.—The Congressional Temperance Society held a meeting in Washington, on Saturday night, on which occasion Vice President Coffey, Senator Wilson and other members of Congress, delivered addresses. Resolutions were adopted proposing a united and persistent effort by the friends of total abstinence to form societies throughout the country on the 24th of February next.

The enterprising citizens of Washington who have in charge the project for a World's Exposition in this city, feel now assured that they will succeed notwithstanding the seeming indifference of members of the Congressional committee. They ask but little of Congress—no appropriation of funds is sought, and they simply ask an act of incorporation, and that the Government shall grade and put in order some lot of the public grounds upon which the Exposition may be held.

The committee appointed for the purpose of preparing a bill for a change of government of the District has agreed upon a bill to be presented to Congress and the people of the District. The title of the bill is "An act to provide a territorial government for the District of Columbia."

The universal suffrage meetings, which attracted so much attention a few weeks since by their large assemblages and turbulent proceedings, have dwindled almost into nothingness.

A Woman's Suffrage Convention meets in Washington this week, but General Clarke has refused to let the women have holiday to go to its meetings.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

A letter from Richmond, in the Baltimore Sun says: "It is very unfortunate for Virginia, that so many adventures or enthusiasts, with more faith than money, should take advantage of the willingness of her citizens to part with a portion of their lands to encourage immigration, the transactions ending either in inability or unwillingness to pay. Our people have been disappointed in this way so often that they have grown cautious and suspicious. I am led to these observations by the failure of a party who purchased considerable real estate in Henrico county and elsewhere, to meet his obligations, and the consequent approaching trust sale at auction of the property he is not able or declines to pay for. This case is the more to be regretted, as the purchases were made for the ostensible and no doubt bona fide purpose of establishing here a colony from Europe. Several families had arrived but the fear is that the whole scheme will now break down."

The operatives of the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works at Richmond, struck on Friday, and operations are now suspended, in violation, it is said, of their own agreement. This will cause a suspension of operations at the works probably for some time, but the company has on hand about ten thousand kegs of nails, and will continue to supply all orders as heretofore. From two hundred and fifty to three hundred men are thus thrown out of employment.

Something has been said about two members of the Legislature who are supposed to be disqualified by the XIVth Amendment. One of these, who was sheriff and county clerk—can take the "iron clad," as he long ago informed General Canby. The other one is supposed to be in the same position. Both received certificates of election when the Legislature organized in October last.

It has been stated that Dr. Charles B. Fry, who has been acting as treasurer of the Eastern Lunatic Asylum, was a defaulter to the amount of \$500. He has left the State. A committee of the Board was engaged last week in investigating his accounts, and have found the deficiency above stated. Suit either has been or will be entered against his securities.

It is said that Gov. Walker has declared that he has positive assurances that \$19,000,000 of Northern capital to be invested in Virginia is contingent on the admission of the State. We trust it may be so.

The colored hands employed in the tobacco factories in Lynchburg, having inaugurated a strike—and failed, their employers at Petersburg have undertaken to follow suit. This is winter, and they will see!

A physician at Charlottesville is lying very ill from the effects of virus received into a cut on his hand while dissecting a corpse.

Rev. Mr. Hansborough has been called to Orange Courthouse, to succeed Mr. Carson, who goes to Lynchburg.

Executions to the amount of \$550,000 have been issued in Louisiana.

Foreign News.

Letters received from Paris mention the restoration of tranquility and the absence of excitement or uneasiness.

There was a great discussion in the French Senate yesterday on the affairs of the Interior and the general domestic policy of the Government. At the conclusion of the debate, the Senate passed a vote of confidence in the Ministry. In the Chamber of Deputies, the debate on the arrangement of Rochefort was postponed until the 24th instant. Ollivier opposed the motion, and the Chamber decided that the debate should commence to-morrow, according to the original proposition of the Ministry, by a vote of 30 to 19. The semi-official journals assert that a majority of both Chambers will support the Ministry in the prosecution of Rochefort. Several Deputies have received anonymous letters menacing them with personal violence in case the Chamber authorizes the prosecution of the Radical journals; also, threatening serious disorders if Rochefort be condemned.

Shocks of earthquake were felt on Saturday at Anich in the Department of Gers, in France. No injury to life or property is reported. The arrangements between the three Cable companies completed by the directors of the several companies in London, and now only waits the sanction of the Presidents. The receipts of the three companies will be placed in a joint purse, and be divided in agreed proportions, and should the land line connecting with one cable be down, dispatches will be sent by the other without regard to the company which may have received them.

The regular mail steamship from Rio Janeiro brings later intelligence from Paraguay. Dispatches previously received announcing the flight of Lopez and the termination of the war are fully confirmed. It is now heard from wandering toward Bolivia. Lopez is now in the hands of the Brazilian provinces. On the other hand, advices have been received at the Paraguayan Legation, which contradict the statement that President Lopez has left Paraguay. They represent that the war is by no means ended, and assert that Lopez is in the Great Cordilleras with an army of 8,000 men.

The Duke of Montpensier has been nominated as a candidate for the Spanish Cortes from Oviedo. There is great rejoicing over telegrams from Havana, reporting important successes of the troops in Cuba.

The Council on Saturday held a session of four hours. The oldest Legate present complained that many of the speeches made were unwarranted and that the Father did not strictly observe the obligation of secrecy in regard to the proceedings of the Council.

Baron von Becke, Austrian Minister of Finance, is dead.

SUMNER ON THE WANE.—Signs are not wanting that Mr. Sumner's influence is on the wane. His fellow Senators are tiring of his rhetorical manner, his bitter prejudices, his cynicism and sarcasm. Representing for a long time the spirit of radicalism in Congress, which as borne everything before it, he has been accepted tacitly or under mild protest, as a leader of the sort of person required for the van of a great political revolutionary movement. His supposed varied and extensive learning, his diffidence of oratory, his imposing stature, his deep chested voice, his long service in the State as the favorite son of Massachusetts, and last, but not least his affair with Brooks, of South Carolina, which made a political martyrdom, have all contributed to keep his humblest rival associates in awe. Probably no man in American history has traded more largely on a inflated capital of social intellectual and moral orthodoxy than Mr. Sumner, and people are at last beginning to find it out, thus confirming the teachings of experience, that in the end, whatever shams a man may build up about himself, he finally comes to be rated at something to his true value.

The illusion, in Mr. Sumner's case, is been remarkable. He has made great numbers of worthy people believe that he was a grandly learned in the classics and ancient and modern history, when in fact, he has no common smattering of those branches; he has passed for a born orator, when he is only a stony deceiver; he is still a rhetorician, he has given a considerable reputation for true eloquence; and his crude and impulsive political ideas have become quite current as the stereotyped coin of statesmanship! —N. Y. Trib. of Cal.

SCENES IN PETERSBURG.—The announcement last evening that the Lower House of Congress had passed a bill for the unconditional admission of Virginia into the Union, caused a general rejoicing in this city.

Fire works were brought into requisition, and in various directions during the evening the bursting of sky rockets and roman candles, illuminating the houses in the streets the reports of fire crackers and other explosive works were heard. The Court-House bell and the fire bells were rung in honor of the occasion, and cheers and congratulations were general.

The blacks assembled in mass meeting at the Court-House when the news was communicated to them, gave cheer after cheer, and fairly shook the building with the clashing of their voices. In truth, the scenes down town were quite lively. —Petersburg Index.

THE METHODIST BOOK CONCERN.—There have, it appears, been further inquiries carried on with reference to the fraud in the "Methodist Book Concern." Nothing favorable to the managers has been discovered. Vouchers only were given in the printing department, and not one of the original bills is to be found. To the building, all sorts of little jobs were brought to light. The chief of the department has taken all the "gold sweepings" as he is termed—worth about \$1,000 per year. But for goods were paid by the Concern. This remark a sub-committee, "there is no need to show that goods bought were received at all." Fourteen hundred dozen kins for the Bindery, which must have cost the Concern twenty thousand dollars, are "not accounted for," and so on from beginning to end. —New York Times.

SERIOUS DIFFICULTY.—A difficulty occurred at Nokesville on Thursday last, between some gentlemen, which, it is feared, will terminate seriously. Messrs. Marshall, of Nokesville, and W. S. Grigsby, of Lynchburg, were the parties concerned in the difficulty. The latter, it is stated, was severely assaulted by the former. We have not learned the particulars as to the origin of the difficulty, except that it was about some offensive remarks that Mr. Grigsby was charged with having made, which, it is stated, he positively denies. Considerable excitement prevails in the neighborhood, and it is feared that further hostile meetings may occur. —Prince William Advertiser.

THE SAN DOMINGO PURCHASE.—It is reported here that a New York firm in connection with the Lessor Gable, now in St. Domingo city, together with Messrs. Cazeaux, Fabers and others, have purchased at a few cents per acre all the lands open for purchase on the peninsula of Samana, and now hold them to the disadvantage of the United States. The speculators have been manipulating since August last, and together with President Baz they think that they will ultimately reap a rich harvest out of our Government. —Washington Republican.

PURCHASE OF LANDS AT FORTRESS MONROE.—Among the executive documents that have been laid before the House, is a communication from the Secretary of War, recommending the purchase of certain lands at Fortress Monroe for the use of the United States. An official report, the extent and estimated value of the property, which is all improved, is as follows:

Joseph Segar, 367 acres.....	\$91,000 00
R. H. Clary, 5 acres.....	10,000 00
L. C. Perry, small lot.....	1,500 00
W. R. Mager, 4 acres.....	8,000 00
L. C. Perry, small lot.....	4,000 00
Joseph Tullie, 1 acre.....	9,000 00
Colonel Curry, 11 acres.....	7,000 00
Mr. Willard, 10 acres.....	4,800 00
Chesapeake Female College, 49 acres.....	10,000 00
Total.....	\$135,000 00

The Chesapeake Female College property is one-half held by the Freedmen's Bureau and one-half interest for the loyal stockholders.

MAIL FAILURES AT FAIRFAX COURT HOUSE.—The subscribers to the Gazette at this place have not been favored with a number of the Gazette since Thursday morning last. It is true, on Friday the mail arrived as usual, but no Gazette, either daily or tri-weekly, but a copy of the Washington Post, the only paper the entire mail for Clifton, and no other mail matter, was received here at the usual hour. We have had patience and forbearance prescribed to us so long, that we hardly know how to complain, but when our people are so long without the matters of local concern, and the incoming of the State and the state of the market, &c., and we cannot get the papers, forbearance ceases to be a virtue. Fairfax Court House, Jan. 15.

The ship-having on board the remains of Mr. Peabody, together with her escort, were at the Island of Madeira at the last advices.

FINANCIAL & COMMERCE.

Alexandria Market, January 17, '70.	
Flour, Superfine.....	\$ 4 75 6 62 1/2
Extra.....	5 25 6 62 1/2
Family.....	5 25 7 00
Family choice.....	7 00 8 00
WHEAT, White prime.....	1 25 1 28
Good.....	1 15 1 20
Red, prime.....	1 22 1/2 1 25
Good.....	1 15 1 20
CORN, White.....	8 5 8 10
Mixed.....	8 5 8 5 1/2
Yellow.....	8 5 8 5 1/2